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e. Kenji Gomi et al., "Influence of Crystalline Orientation on Photoelastic Property of Si Single Crystal": The relevance of this document can be understood from the English language abstract attached thereto and the figures therein.

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